

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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ON-LINE CALIBRATION PROCESS

Method for automatic on-line calibration of process models for real-time prediction of process quality from raw process measurements by collecting raw process data, processing data collected through a mathematical model to obtain a prediction of the quality, processing this prediction through two independent dynamic transfer functions thus creating two intermediate signals, storing the two intermediate signals obtained as a function of time in history, retrieving, at the time of a real and validated measurement of the quality, from the history the absolute minimum and maximum values of the two intermediate signals in the time period corresponding to a minimum and maximum specified deadtime, which values define the minimum and maximum prediction possible, calculating the deviation as being the difference between the real and validated measurement and the area encompassed between the minimum and maximum prediction possible as obtained, and repeating these steps if the absolute value of the deviation obtained is zero, or, if the absolute value of the deviation obtained is larger than zero, incorporating the deviation into the process model and repeating the steps. By using a Kalman filter method for incorporating the deviation into the mathematical model its linear parameters will be updated, thereby improving the model. The calibration process with the Kalman filter can be applied under non steady-state conditions.